

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the patent to Striker in view of the patent to Yoshida.

At the same time the Examiner indicated that claim 12 was allowable over the prior art of record.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claim 12 has been gratefully acknowledged.

In connection with this indication, claim 12 has been retained as it was, and it is believed that it should be allowed.


Claim 14, which was rejected by the Examiner, has been canceled without prejudice.

It is therefore believed that the present application now contains only the allowable claim.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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